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1. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN
ON MARCH 15 REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW DEPUTY
DIRECTOR GENERAL AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR.
YIGAL ALLON, TODAY (TUESDAY) APPOINTED ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR
TO ITALY, MR. MOSHE SASSON, TO THE POST OF DEPUTY
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE
WILL REPLACE MR. EPHRAIM EVRON, WHO WAS APPOINTED
AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN.

3. AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, MR. SASSON WILL HANDLE
MATTERS CONNECTED WITH A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT,
AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MINISTRY'S DIVISION '2'
INCLUDING DEPARTMENTS 'EUROPE 1' AND 'EUROPE 2,7 AS WELL
AS THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION.

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4. IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE SINCE 1950, MR. SASSON FILLED
VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC POSTS IN ATHENS, WITH ISRAEL'S
PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA,
IN ANKARA AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES WITH THE PERSONAL RANK
OF MINISTER AND, MOST RECENTLY, AS ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR
TO ROME. IN 1966-67, HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE
MINISTRY'S ARMISTIC COMMISSIONS DEPARTMENT, AND

BETWEEN 1967 AND 1969--AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISER
ON THE ADMINISTERED AREAS. FROM 1969 UNTIL HIS
APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO ITALY IN 1973, HE SERVED
AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
END TEXT

5. AN ARTICLE IN THE JERUSALEM POST MARCH 16 DISCUSSES
SASSON'S APPOINTMENT AND REPORTS THAT HE WILL BE
REPLACED IN ROME BY ZE'EV SHEK, PRESENTLY ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. THE
ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR NORTH
AMERICAN AND EASTERN EUROPE WILL NOT PASS FROM EVRON
TO SASSON BUT WILL BE RETAINED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL
AVINERI.

6. THE POST ARTICLE GOES ON TO DISCUSS AN ADDITIONAL
DUTY OF THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, THAT OF
"COORDINATOR" OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PREPARATIONS
FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS:

7. BEGIN TEXT: MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID THAT SASSON'S
APPOINTMENT AS "COORDINATOR" OF THE PEACE-MAKING
PREPARATIONS ATTESTS TO THE IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY
WITH WHICH ISRAEL VIEWS THE HOPES FOR RESUMED
DIPLOMATIC MOMENTUM IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE WILL
SUPERVISE THE PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS AND POSITION
PAPERS IN ADVANCE OF THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA
TALKS, THE OFFICIALS EXPLAINED.

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8. A GOOD DEAL OF WORK IN THIS AREA WAS DONE BACK IN
1973-74 BY A NUMBER OF "THINK TANKS" COORDINATED BY
THE THEN DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE, MORDECHAI GAZIT, WHO IS NOW AMBASSADOR IN
PARIS. ALL THE GAZIT MATERIAL IS ON FILE, AND MUCH
OF IT WILL BE USEFUL TO SASSON AND HIS TEAM, OFFICIALS
SAID YESTERDAY. END TEXT
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